

Communication Skills for Developing a Family Friendly Culture in Schools


Objective: The participants will understand communication strategies for creating family friendly schools.

[Key Concept]

Effective communication is essential for building school-family partnerships, and serves as the foundation for constructing all other home-school activities.

[Why Good Communication ?]

- Establishes shared goals for child's education.
- Informs parents of school's expectations.
- Informs teachers of parents' expectations.

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- Shares information about child's progress, needs, and interests.
 - Informs parents of special activities and events.
 - Avoids misunderstandings.
 - Reinforces school instruction at home.

[Personal Competencies]

- Mark a Y=Yes, N=No, or S=Sometimes, by each item.
- Put an * by the 3 competencies you think are most important in communicating with parents.

[Group Directions]

- In your group, come to consensus about the three competencies that you feel are most important.
- As a total group we'll check for the three most important competencies and compare them with Texas educators.

[Communication Strategies]

DIRECTIONS


- Please refer to the following handouts:

Group 1: Open House

Group 2: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Group 3: Positive Phone Calls

Group 4: Home Visits

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- A large black left bracket and a yellow right bracket are positioned at the top of the slide, with a thin yellow horizontal line connecting them.
- With your group, in the time allocated, develop a short lesson summarizing your home-school communication strategy. Make it interesting!
 - Report your summary to the total group.

[Educational Jargon]

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Chavez,
The multidisciplinary team will meet to outline your child's educational plan in light of recent examination results. Your presence at the meeting is highly desirable. Please respond affirmatively in writing that you will attend the meeting at 3:00 p.m. on June 3 in the media center.